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FEDERAL OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPH

Postmaster-General Hitchcock to Recommend Acquisition of the Lines to Congress

TO BE RUN AS PART OF THE POSTAL SERVICE

Argues That Government Could Afford Better Facilities at Lower Rates—Has Had Project Under Consideration Over a Year—Value of Systems to be Acquired Would Approximate \$250,000,000—Works Well Elsewhere.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Acquisition of the telegraph lines of the United States by the government and their operation as a part of the postal service, has been recommended to congress in a short time by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Matter Considered a Year.

For a year or more Mr. Hitchcock has had this recommendation under consideration. After a thorough study of the operation of government-controlled lines and postal-telegraph systems in foreign countries, he has decided to urge the matter on congress.

Would Lower the Rates.

"When this recommendation is adopted," said Mr. Hitchcock tonight to a statement of his intention, "I am confident it would result in important economies and very materially lower telegraph rates than now are exacted. In approximately fifty countries of the world—namely in Great Britain, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Spain, Russia and Japan—government-controlled telegraphs now are in successful and profitable operation. In many of the countries they are operated in connection with the postal service. These telegraphs serve an aggregate population of 350,000,000. In the United States they have been found to be of immense practical benefit to the public, in both promptness and cost of the service.

Combine Telegraph and Postoffice.

"In this country postoffices are maintained in numerous places not reached by the telegraph systems, and the proposed combination of the two services would create a favorable opportunity for the extension of telegraphic facilities. In many small towns where the telegraph companies have not found it profitable to maintain lines, the telegraph and mail business could be handled readily by the same employees. It is evident that the separate maintenance of the two services under present conditions results in a needless expense.

May Purchase at Appraised Value.

"The first telegraph lines in the United States were acquired from 1834 to 1847 by the government under the following conditions:

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Rev. John B. Morgan, D. D., rector of the American Church, the Holy Trinity, on the Avenue De l'Alma, died suddenly yesterday.

Paris, Jan. 14.—M. Poincaré, who was tendered the premiership, called upon President Fallières and announced his acceptance of the invitation to form the new ministry.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 14.—The Chilean cabinet, which has been in office for a year, is threatened with dissolution. The minister of foreign relations, Enrique Rodríguez, resigned today.

Pau, France, Jan. 14.—The French aviator Jules Verne, who set the world's speed record Saturday by covering a distance of 143 kilometers, 190 meters (about 88 1-3 miles) in one hour in his monoplane at the aerodrome here.

Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 14.—Enrique Sánchez and Rafael Pedron, who were during a political dispute among the members of the veterans' association, have accompanied to their wounds. Both were very prominent members of the veterans' association.

London, Jan. 14.—Coal dealers are reaping a rich harvest as a consequence of the ban of the coal mines, which unofficial reports state to be largely in favor of a national strike for higher wages. The dispute affects about 900,000 men.

Norwich Men Representing Finance, the Law, Commerce, Manufacturing, and Other Interests.



ROLLIN C. JONES, Of the Firm of Utley & Jones, Druggists.

NEW HAVEN FIREMEN KEPT ON JUMP

Crippled Department Called Out to Ten Fires Three of Them Serious, in Less Than 48 Hours

THE HOSE SO BADLY FROZEN AS TO BE USELESS

Insufficient Number of Substitutes and Men Not Connected With Department Impressed Into Service—Grocery Establishment of D. M. Welch & Sons Damaged \$60,000 and Block of Governor Baldwin Damaged \$75,000.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 14.—With Chief Rufus Fancher, in a local hospital, where he was operated upon tonight for appendicitis, the men of the department exhausted from the day's work, and the cold weather, the fire department tonight kept on jump. A special meeting of the fire board was held this afternoon and steps taken to relieve the situation.

\$75,000 Blaze Saturday.

The first fire and the one causing the greatest damage came early Saturday morning on Meadow street, where the thermometer below zero, when the plant of the Walter Gracie company was destroyed by a loss of \$75,000. This fire occupied the attention of most of the department all day. Saturday night the department was called to a small blaze on Hazel street and this morning three alarms came in within a short time of each other, one on Grand avenue and King on a corner, second big fire, that of the D. M. Welch and Sons on Congress avenue, which caused a loss of \$60,000.

Small Fires During Day.

During the day the other alarms came in but fortunately for fires of a minor nature. One of them was the home of P. J. Brewster on Cliff street, where the flames were confined to the conservatory with a loss of a few hundred dollars.

Walter Fire Incendiary.

That the fire at the D. M. Welch & Sons was undoubtedly incendiary was stated by Mr. Welch tonight. The fire started in or near the office on the first floor and the only fire in the building was in a heater in the cellar. There were no lights on in the building at the time, and Mr. Welch also stated that the goods in the store had been disturbed, that he found coils of rope which had been left in a drawer and a counter.

\$5,000 Lost in Safe.

The loss, he said, was partly covered by insurance, but that one of the biggest losses would be the loss of \$5,000 in the safe in the office, but that is thought to be intact.

Hope for Chief Fancher's Recovery.

Hope was expressed at the Elm City hospital for the recovery of Fire Chief Fancher.

A MIMIC WAR TO BE FOUGHT IN CONNECTICUT.

New England Troops Will Attempt to Invade New York State.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 14.—New York state national guardmen, with those of New Jersey, next summer will repeat an invasion of this state by troops from Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut, according to the annual report of Adjutant General Charles H. Davis, which was transmitted to Governor Dix yesterday.

The New York and New Jersey troops will be mobilized somewhere in Westchester county, and the border of Connecticut, says the report, but the theater of the mimic war probably will be in Connecticut.

General Woodcock declares that it is not for experiment nor alone for instruction that the mobilization problem is designed, but that there seems "an absolute and immediate necessity of having in this office a complete corps of mobilization."

The report refers to the fact that serious criticisms of the national guard were made at the time of the maneuvers in Massachusetts last year. "Because the endurance and limitations of the national guard were not considered or understood by the war department," says the report, "the maneuvers will be based upon the 'endeavor and desire of the national guard after conquest and measurement of the endurance and experience of the troops.'"

POSTMASTER CONVERSE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Winder Locks Veteran Was Cleaning Revolver When It Discharged.

Winder Locks, Conn., Jan. 14.—At Fred W. Converse, for 30 years postmaster here, accidentally shot himself in the side today while cleaning a revolver and tonight is in a serious condition. He is 32 years old, and has been a postmaster for 10 years, and the latter was in his room cleaning it preparatory to putting it away when it fired. The bullet entered his left side just below the heart and lodged in his back. Converse was alone at the time. A nurse called to attend him, and he was taken to the hospital.

ROCKVILLE YOUTH GETS ANNAPOLIS APPOINTMENT.

Son of Rev. J. F. George Selected for Vacancy by Congressman Henry.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative Henry yesterday appointed Nelson James George of Rockville a midshipman at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, to fill a vacancy. He is the son of Mr. R. George and the grandson of Judge Bristol of Enfield.

Mr. George was appointed to the academy several years ago, but failed of passing the physical examination, although passing high in his mental examinations. It is believed now that his physical disability has been overcome.

The sub-committee of the house committee on postoffices and post roads, having in charge the bill introduced by Representative Kelly restoring the working time of postoffice clerks and carriers, in first and second class offices, held a hearing today in the committee room, and the following members performed within ten consecutive hours, voted to report in favor of the passage of the bill.

Mr. Kelly had as guests at lunch yesterday at the house Hon. Homer Cummings, member for Connecticut on the national executive committee, and "Tom" Sullivan of New Haven.

Mr. Cummings said he had engaged to room at the hotel Elvidge, Baltimore, for the use of a Connecticut delegate to the national convention next June.

The senate confirmed the nominations of the following postmasters: John A. Ayres, at Saybrook; Frank A. Hinton, at Deep River, and Annie A. Vinton, at Magalloway.

Leaky Gaspipe Causes Death.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 14.—A leak in a pipe feeding a gas stove caused the death of Mrs. Emma Parrot today. She was 47 years old and leaves no immediate relatives.

To Aton for Its Bunders

SPANISH CABINET TENDERS RESIGNATIONS.

URGED TO RECONSIDER

King Alfonso Assures Premier Canalejas of His Continued Confidence—Sequel to Reproaches of Seven Riots.

Madrid, Jan. 14.—The Spanish cabinet of which Jose Canalejas y Mendez was premier resigned today.

In Conflict With King.

The cabinet resigned as the result of divergences of opinion in the town of Cullera, province of Valencia, last September. The general strike at that time in Valencia and other provinces involved a plot to assassinate General Weyler, and the king was compelled to suspend the constitutional guarantees.

Radicals Use Trial to Advantage.

The trial of the strikers concerned in the Cullera murder has aroused public attention to the exclusion of all else for some time past, thanks to the skillful political campaign of the radicals, who aimed upon the affair as a weapon to attack the government in the same way as they utilized the refusal to reprieve Francisco Ferrer, director of the modern school, who was executed in 1909, to bring about the downfall of the Maura cabinet.

King Advised to Commute Six Sentences.

The rioters were tried and seven of them were sentenced to death. Premier Canalejas advised the king to exercise his prerogative in the case of six of the prisoners, but held that the seventh, Chato Chiqueta, should be made an example of in the interests of law and order.

Premier Awakes to His Blunder.

The agitation had by this time reached formidable proportions and the Barcelona radicals issued a decree calling for a general strike if Chiqueta was executed on Monday, the date fixed for his death. The premier, in his own words, then realized that the execution of Chiqueta, both on the one hand, was a political blunder, and learning that the king was of the same opinion, he went with his colleagues to the palace, where the king declared that he favored a reprieve for Chiqueta.

Premier Tenders Resignation.

Premier Canalejas said that he deferred to his majesty's judgment and would prepare a decree to that effect without delay, but considering as he did that the ministry had made a mistake, it was his duty to hand in his resignation.

Premier May Reconsider.

The king received Señor Canalejas tonight and again asked him to retain the premiership, assuring him of his continued confidence. Señor Canalejas asked for time to reflect, promising to give his reply tomorrow.

CHURCH AT BAYSIDE BURNED TO GROUND.

Explosion of Radiator Causes Panic Among Congregation.

New York, Jan. 14.—An hour after the explosion of a radiator in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bayside, L. I., today had driven the congregation of 300 persons out in semi-panic and a small fire which broke out had been extinguished, the flames burst forth again, and despite all efforts the large frame edifice was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$28,000.

Leg Crushed in Runaway.

Winsted, Conn., Jan. 14.—In a runaway accident here today Eugene O'Connell was thrown from his team, striking a stone hitching post and his right leg crushed and possible internal injuries inflicted. Mrs. O'Connell was also thrown out, but escaped harm. The horse was frightened by a trolley car.

Cold Kills Four at New York.

New York, Jan. 14.—The death of four persons today was attributed to extreme cold and numerous cases of frozen hands and ears were reported at the hospitals, but it was believed tonight that the cold wave was broken. The early morning temperature was one degree above zero, followed by nebulae fluctuations in the mercury tonight. At 3 p. m. it was 15, at 9 p. m. it was 24 and twenty minutes later it had dropped again to 10. Warmer weather with snow flurries was forecasted.

Cold Weather Records Broken.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Cold weather records in several sections of the state were broken today. Harry Tetumian, a former constable, was found frozen to death in York, where the coldest weather in thirty years was experienced.

Six Killed at Grade Crossing

PHILADELPHIA STRIKES WAGON IN PHILADELPHIA SUBURB.

GUARD NOT ON HIS JOB

Party Being Transported to Church When Accident Happened—Four Women Mangled Beyond Recognition.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Six persons, five women and a man, were killed when an express train on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad struck a wagon in a suburb.

The dead were: Charles Davidson, aged 36 years; Nellie O'Connell, aged 19 years; Bridget Malloy, aged 45 years; Agnes Garrity, aged 32 years; Rose Gallagher, aged 18 years; Mary Duddy, aged 20 years.

Were on Way to Church.

The dead women were all employed as servants in fashionable homes in Philadelphia, and were being conveyed to church when the accident occurred. Davidson was the driver for a local deliveryman, and was making the trip every Sunday for the past two years.

Crossing Not Guarded.

The Linden avenue crossing is usually guarded by a watchman, but the regular man was on leave of absence, and his substitute had not yet arrived. When the coach reached the crossing, Davidson waited for a freight train to pass and then drove directly in front of the approaching express.

Women Horribly Mangled.

The horses managed to clear the track, but the engine struck the wagon squarely on the side. Davidson and Agnes Garrity were seated on the front seat, were tossed to the side of the track, but the four other women were thrown directly under the wheels of the train, and lay there mangled. They were recovered so badly mangled that it was necessary to identify them by their clothing.

Miss Garrity Picked Up Alive.

Agnes Garrity was still alive when she was picked up, but died while being conveyed to the hospital. Davidson was found fifty feet from the tracks.

RICHESON HAD A FIANCEE IN WEST.

Wrote to Her on Day Following Avis Linnell's Death.

Boston, Jan. 14.—On the day after Avis Linnell met her death by poison given her by Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the clergyman who was a guest at the Brookline home of his father, Miss Violet Edmonds, wrote a letter to another fiancée, according to information given out by the police today.

The letter was written to Miss Patricia Feltz, a young resident of the West Side, and was dated Jan. 13. It was a love letter, and in it he wrote that, soon, in that very month, he would be on his way west, where he would seek a church, that he might preach to thousands instead of hundreds.

According to the police investigation Miss Feltz became engaged to Richeson in 1909, and the engagement was never broken.

Richeson passed today in his cell at the Charles street jail, receiving no visitors.

Bishop Doane for Death Penalty.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 14.—"Whomsoever shedeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed." This was the answer by Right Rev. William Cresswell Doane, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Albany, when asked whether he believes in the abolition of capital punishment, the question having been suggested by the attitude of Governor Dix and Colonel Joseph P. Scott, state superintendent of prisons, who have announced their belief that the death penalty should be abandoned in this state.

NOTHING FURTHER FROM RICHESON.

He Will Never Make a Detailed Confession, Says Counsel Morse.

Boston, Jan. 14.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson will never make public a more detailed confession of his poisoning of Miss Avis Linnell than has already been given out, his counsel, William A. Morse, said today.

Rev. George W. Quick, for six years pastor of the Second Baptist church at Newport, R. I., and a friend of Richeson, said that he had accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Greenville, S. C.

Greater Progress Was Made on the battleship Wyoming during the past month than on any of the other vessels now building for the government, according to a report on progress issued at the navy department.

The Omission of the Word "Obey" from a marriage service celebrated in church is illegal in Great Britain, and invalidates the ceremony, according to a sermon announced by the Rev. Hugh Chapman, chaplain of the Chapel Royal Savoy, London.

The Bates Manufacturing company plans to begin in the spring of 1912 the erection of awnings shed covering four and a half acres under one roof, and other enlargements, to increase the capacity of the mill at Lewiston, Me., and employ 2,500 additional help.

Bills for the Reduction of the first-class postage to one cent an ounce, similar to the measure introduced by Senator Burton of New York, were introduced in the house by Representative Weeks of Massachusetts and Representative Littlepage of West Virginia.

HUNTINGTON WILSON MAY SUCCEED BACON.

Assistant Secretary of State for French Ambassadorship.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Huntington Wilson, assistant secretary of state, is to succeed Robert Bacon as ambassador to France, according to persistent rumors in diplomatic circles here today. Mr. Wilson has been in the position of assistant secretary of state since the death of Mr. Bacon, and his name has been mentioned prominently in connection with the post of ambassador to Brazil, to which Edward W. Morgan was appointed, will be made assistant secretary of state, the same rumors say.

WATCHMAN CAPTION'S BODY FOUND IN RUINS.

Was Encased in Ice and Feet Fleshy Frozen to Floor.

New York, Jan. 14.—The body of William Caption, the watchman who lost his life in the fire at the Elvidge building first last Tuesday, was found today frozen in a kneeling position behind a grate in the vault of the Mercantile Trust company. A heavy steel beam from the roof of the vault pinned down the body. Evidence of the watchman's frantic efforts to escape the falling ruins behind him was an arm extended through the bars of the grate as if imploring help. The knees, too, protruded through the openings. Encased in ice, with the feet firmly frozen to the floor yesterday the corpse presented a rough-hewn statue of marble.

It was a night's work for fifty men to remove the body. The watchman's body was found in the vault from view and a day's work for wrecking experts to cut away the bars of the grate. This was done with saws and gas flames. While the work was going on two of the men saw, they say, far back in the vault, the body of Francis Nelton, another missing watchman. Plans to recover the body as quickly as possible were being worked out tonight.

Two-Foot Coasting of Ice.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—With her forward deck and hull covered with ice two feet thick, the Allan Star, Corinthian, from Glasgow for Philadelphia via St. John, N. F., put into port this morning. She was four days making the run of ordinarily 42 hours from St. John.

Woodbury Votes \$20,000 for Roads.

Woodbury, Conn., Jan. 14.—At a special town meeting \$20,000 was voted for state road improvements and \$10,000 for highway improvements by Harris Whittemore of Naugatuck, and \$176 donated by others for the same work.